

The final project recognized for its outstanding contribution to the community of Tempe is one that is close to my heart because we had to defend it when its mission came under attack. The Thomas J. Pappas School for the Homeless is not only an outstanding success as an educational institution, it is currently expanding its facilities to teach, feed and clothe even more homeless children. Moreover, the Pappas School, Tumbleweed Youth Services, the Tempe Community Council, and the First Congregational Church partnered to create Tempe's first homeless resource center for teens.

Mr. Speaker, through commitment to collaboration between the private and public sector, the City of Tempe has once again proven itself to be a model community. Mayor Neil Giuliano also deserves commendation for his leadership of the Tempe delegation as well as his work to encourage private sector investment in, and cooperation with, the City of Tempe.

I am proud to represent this great community and I am honored to co-sponsor House Concurrent Resolution 230 congratulating each of the All-America cities for their exemplary grassroots community-oriented problem solving efforts. Please join me in congratulating the City of Tempe and all of the 2003 All-America cities.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM GRAY

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 21, 2003

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to stand before this body of Congress and this nation today to recognize the many years of public service that Jim Gray of Alamosa, Colorado has devoted to our state. Jim's selfless contributions to his community as a member of the San Luis Valley Hospital's Board of Directors and as a local fireman have helped secure the health and lives of countless Coloradans. On his retirement, I am honored to speak of his accomplishments here today.

Jim joined the San Luis Valley Hospital Board in 1969, serving for thirty-four years. Some of the most notable improvements to the hospital and the quality of care provided there occurred during Jim's tenure as Chairman of the Board. Jim was instrumental in adding physicians to the board, providing doc-

tors with a voice in the overall operation of the hospital.

While running his own business and serving the hospital, Jim also volunteered for more than twenty years as a fireman, retiring as Captain in 1979. He volunteered for the sole purpose of helping others, working to keep the community he loved safe.

Mr. Speaker, it is my sincere pleasure to pay tribute to Jim Gray before this body of Congress and this nation. I join with my colleagues here today in applauding Jim's civic-mindedness, and I am proud to bring Jim's years of service to the attention of my colleagues in this House today. Thank you, Jim, for the service you have provided our community, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors.

HONORING KAITLIN KELLY SHARKEY OF JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, athletics and leadership, that I am proud to salute Kaitlin Kelly Sharkey, a 2003 graduate summa cum laude of Northwest High School in Jackson, Michigan. Kaitlin is an exceptional individual and possesses an outstanding record of achievement in her academic career. Valedictorian of her class with a 4.0 grade point average, Kaitlin was also vice president of the senior class, secretary of the National Honor Society, and captain of the school's winning Social Studies team in the Jackson County Academic Games.

Throughout her high school career, Kaitlin has also excelled in athletics—earning 10 Varsity letters and the prestigious 12 Season Award for participating in 3 sports all 4 years in high school. As captain of her tennis and volleyball teams she received all-area and MVP honors. She also played three seasons at second base for the Mounties varsity softball team, earning honorable mention all conference her senior year. She received the Marine Corps Scholar Athlete Award and was selected 2003 Female Athlete of the year.

She devoted her energies to community service as well—as a member of a student advisory council for drug education and a first

grade religious instruction teacher. She was awarded the Meijer Dignity and Respect Award.

Therefore, on behalf of the Congress of the United States, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending our highest praise to Kaitlin Kelly Sharkey. To this remarkable young woman, we extend heartfelt good wishes as she pursues her educational goals and for all her future endeavors.

HONORING MEGHAN MAYDAY OF JACKSON, MICHIGAN

HON. NICK SMITH

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect for the outstanding record of excellence she has compiled in academics, athletics and leadership, that I am proud to salute Meghan Mayday, a 2003 graduate of Hanover-Horton High School in Jackson, Michigan.

Meghan is an exceptional individual and possesses an outstanding record of achievement in her academic career. A member of the Hanover-Horton National Honor Society, Meghan enjoyed an active and fruitful high school experience—participating in school plays; concert, marching and pep bands; basketball and golf. But it was in track, specifically running cross country, that Meghan has demonstrated her exceptional will to succeed. Quite simply, she decided she was going to be a successful cross country runner and she did it. To quote her coach, Dean Blackedge, "Meghan willed herself to be great." Having started to season without having run a single varsity race, Meghan finished it as an All-American. She is the first runner at Hanover-Horton High School to win a regional meet, and the first athletic at the school to earn All-American status. A leader who inspires others to go give their best, she captained both the cross country and track teams. She's been honored by the U.S. Marines as a Distinguished Athlete, and named Female Athlete of the Year.

Therefore, on behalf of the Congress of the United States, I am proud to join with her many admirers in extending praise to Meghan Mayday. To the remarkable young woman, we extend heartfelt good wishes as she pursues her educational goals and for all her future endeavors.